3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The glass article according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the transmittance value is above 90 percent at the wavelength ranging from 880 nm to 1,690 nm.

4. (Currently Amended) A polarizing glass article comprising a base glass selected from either a copper or copper-cadmium family, or a silver halide-containing glass family having ~~and~~ precipitated silver particles wherein the polarizing glass article exhibits a contrast ratio of at least 50 dB over a wavelength range of 980 nm to 1,640 nm and a bandwidth of 660 nm.

5. Cancelled

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The glass article according to claim ~~5~~ 4, wherein the transmittance value is above 90 percent at the wavelength ranging from 980 nm to 1,640 nm.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The glass article according to claim 6, wherein the glass article has a center wavelength of at least 1,550 nm or longer.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The glass article according to claim 1, wherein the base glass has a composition consisting essentially, in weight percent, of about 0-2.5% Li_2O, 0-9% Na_2O, 0-17% K_2O, 0-6% Cs_2O, 8-20% total of Li_2O+~~–~~Na_2O+K_2O+Cs_2O, 14-23% B_2O_3, 5-25% Al_2O_3, 0-25% P_2O_5, 20-65% SiO_2, 0.004-0.02% CuO, 0.15-0.3% Ag, 0.1-0.2% Br, and 0.1-0.25% Cl.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The glass article according to claim 8, wherein said glass includes~~ing~~ as optional constituents, up to about 10% total of other oxides or elements selected in amounts not exceeding the indicated proportions from the group consisting of up to 6% ZrO_2, up to 3% TiO_2, up to 0.5% PbO, up to 7% BaO, up to 4% CaO, up to 3% MgO, up to 6% Nb_2O_5, up to 4% La_2O_3 and up to 2%F.

Please add new claim 21 as follows:

21. The glass article according to claim 8, wherein a molar ratio of alkali metal oxides, B_2O_3 ranges between about 0.55-0.85, and a weight ratio of Ag(Cl+Br) ranges between about 0.65-0.95.